

**CRITERIA AND PROCESS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP
ON THE BAY-DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

February 9, 2007

Membership Criteria:

1. Will the applicant sign the planning agreement as is, without making changes, and accept all past decisions of the Steering Committee?
2. Does the applicant support the planning and conservation goals of the BDCP including the development of an HCP and potentially an NCCP?
 - a. Does the participation of the applicant increase the odds that the plan will be adopted by the Steering Committee by consensus?
 - b. Will the applicant devote adequate time and resources to the process?
 - c. Is the applicant's governing body willing to adopt policies to support the BDCP process, even if this may be perceived as a change in policy direction?
3. Does the applicant have a proposed covered activity that it wants to have included in the BDCP?
4. Does the applicant represent an underrepresented interest? Does adding the applicant to the Steering Committee increase the ability of a community of interest to participate in the BDCP?
5. Does the applicant have specific expertise that would be useful or beneficial to the process?
6. Would adding the applicant make the Steering Committee too large to be effective?

Application Process:

1. Potential party submits a written request to Steering Committee chair.
2. Request is presented to the Steering Committee, which decides if it wants to refer the application to Membership subgroup.
3. Request reviewed by Membership subgroup using criteria and they forward a recommendation to the Steering Committee. The Membership subgroup or its representatives may meet with the applicant to help determine whether the application satisfactorily meets the membership criteria.
4. The applicant will have the opportunity to make its case for membership before the Membership subgroup and the Steering Committee.
5. Steering Committee considers the request and the recommendation and makes a decision consistent with the procedures in the Planning Agreement.
6. Steering Committee chair responds to potential party in writing.